



Read it yourself with Ladybird

Level
1

Tinga
Tinga
Tales™



Why Giraffe has a Long Neck





Note to parents and carers

Read it yourself is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

Ideas for use

- Begin by looking through the book and talking about the pictures. Has your child heard this story before?
- Help your child with any words he does not know, either by helping him to sound them out or supplying them yourself.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading.

Answering the puzzle questions on pages 30 and 31 will help with understanding.

For more information and advice on *Read it yourself* and book banding, visit www.ladybird.com/readityourself

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Level 1 is ideal for children who have received some initial reading instruction. Each story is told very simply, using a small number of frequently repeated words.

Special features:



Opening pages introduce key story words

Careful match between story and pictures

Large,
clear type

Day time came.
"Giraffe's head is stuck in
that tree," the animals said.
"We must pull her out."
"Slurp. Slurp." Giraffe said.



**Tinga Tinga Tales is inspired by
traditional animal stories from Africa
and the Tingatinga artwork of Tanzania**

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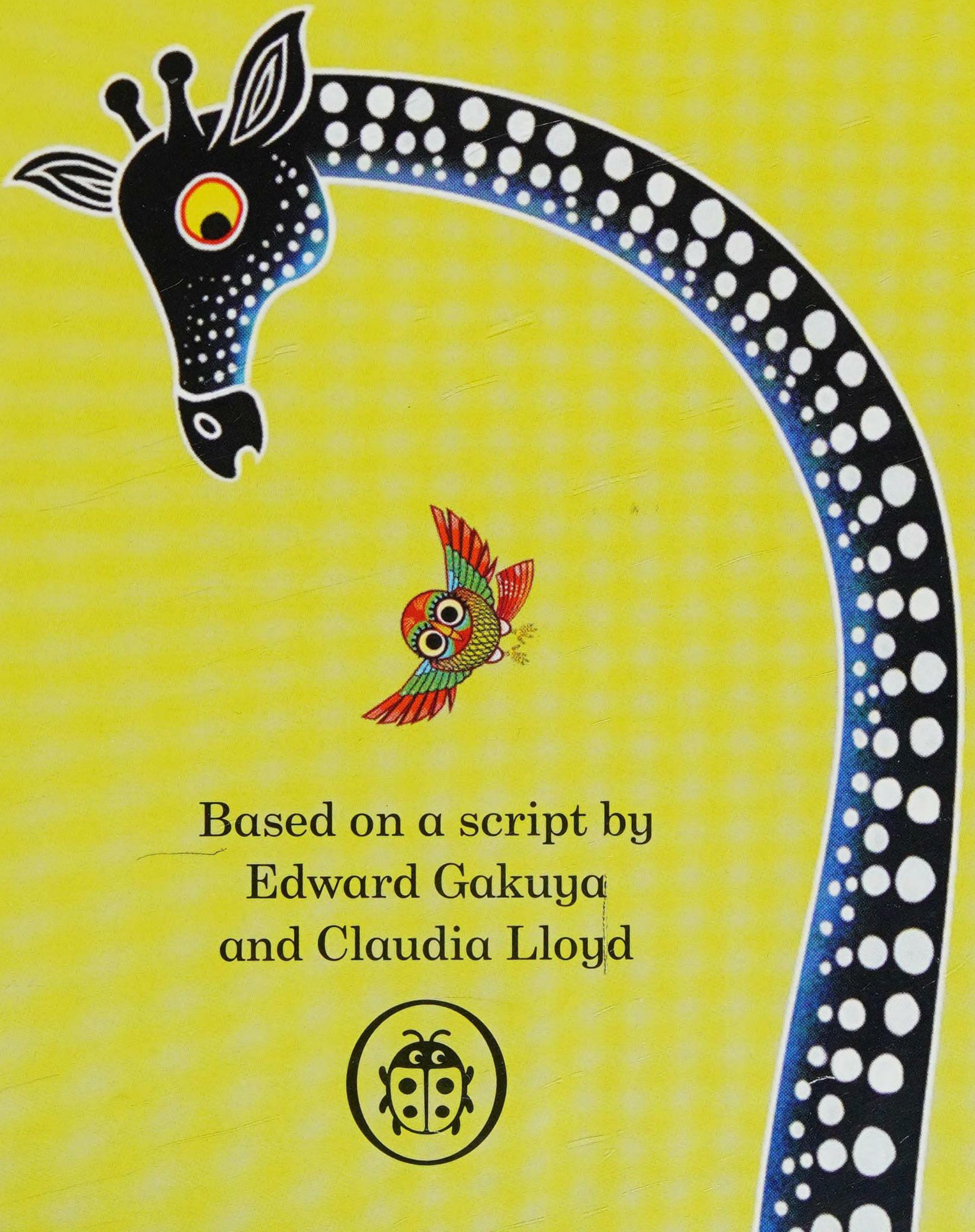
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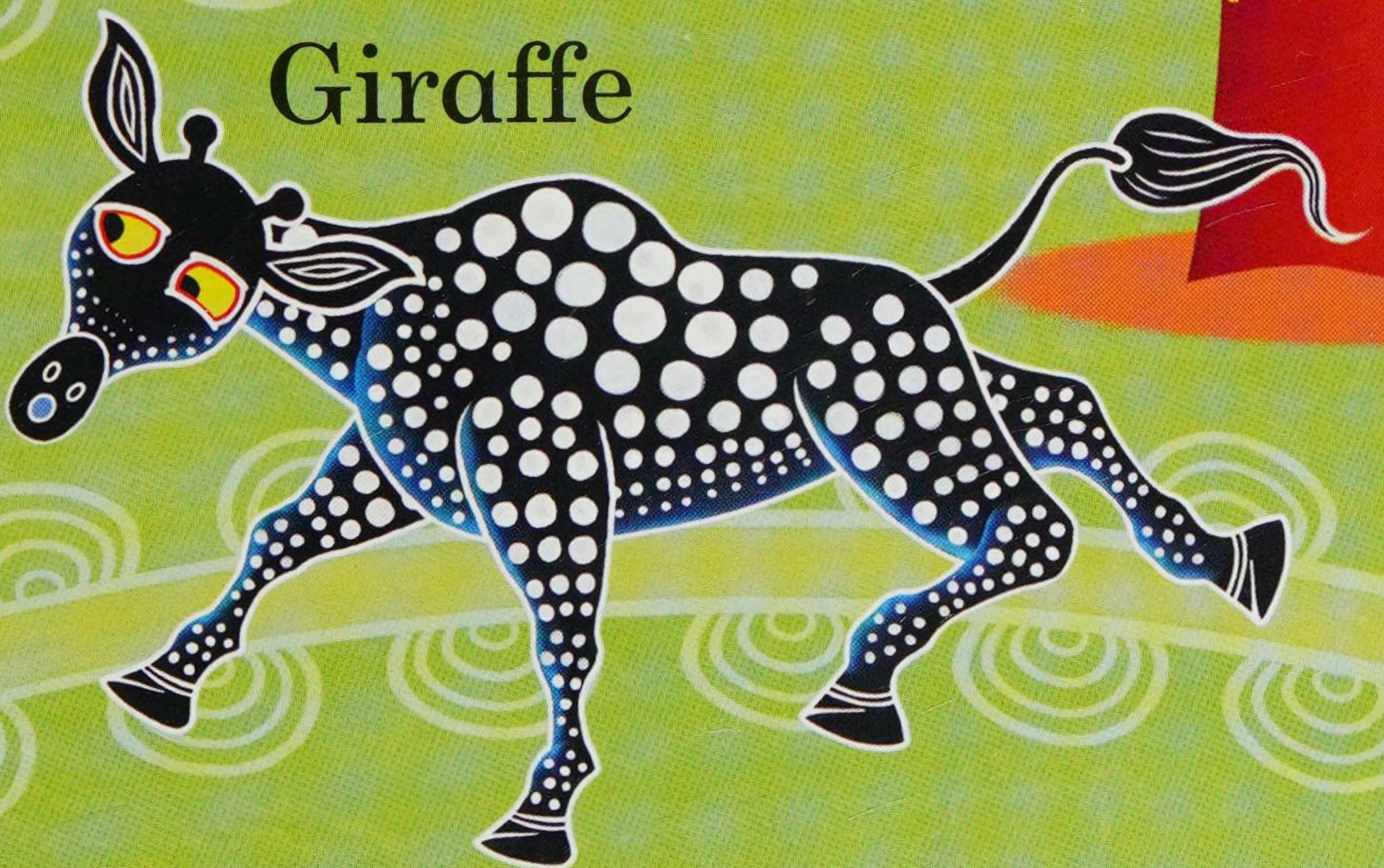


tree



honey

Giraffe



There was a time when
Giraffe did not have a
long neck or long legs.

There was also a time
when Giraffe had an
upset tummy.

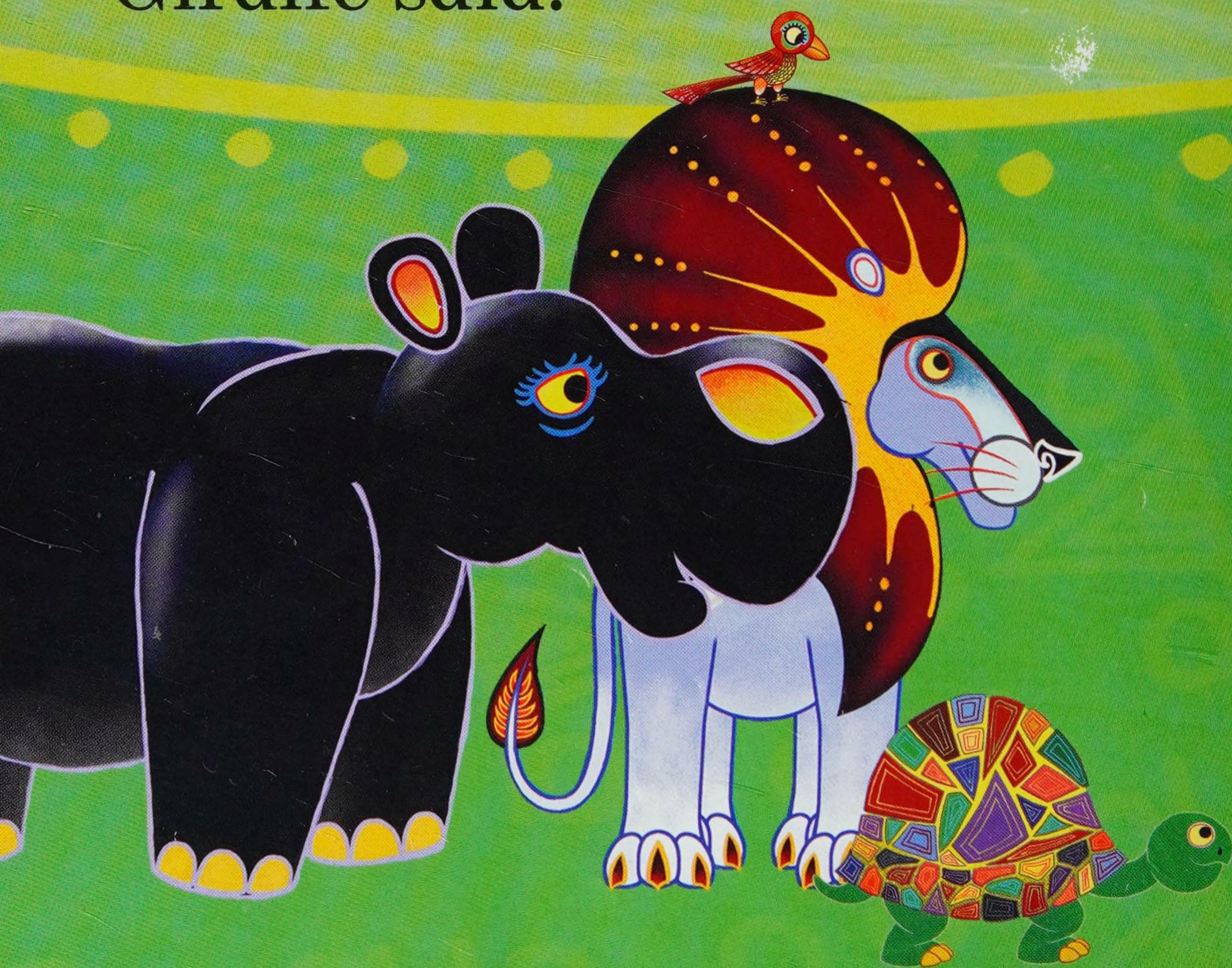




“Honey will help your upset tummy!” the animals said.

There was some honey in the tree. So Giraffe popped her head in the tree.

“Slurp! I love honey!” Giraffe said.





Then Giraffe said,
“I will pull my head
out of the tree now.
Oh help! I am stuck!”





“I can’t get my head out,”
Giraffe said. “I am stuck!”

Night time came.

“Slurp. I love honey,”
Giraffe said.





Day time came.

“Giraffe’s head is stuck in that tree,” the animals said.

“We must pull her out.”

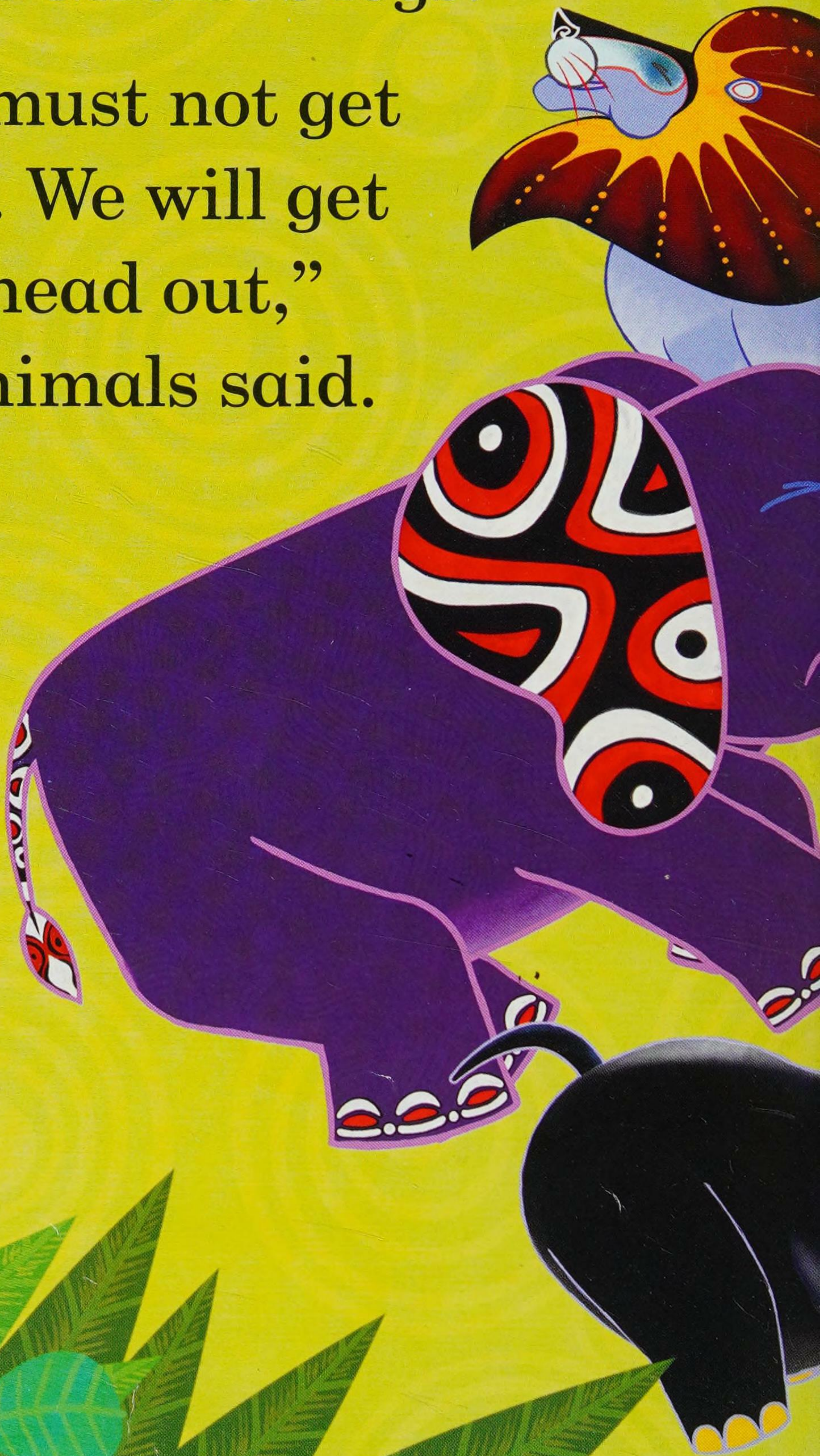
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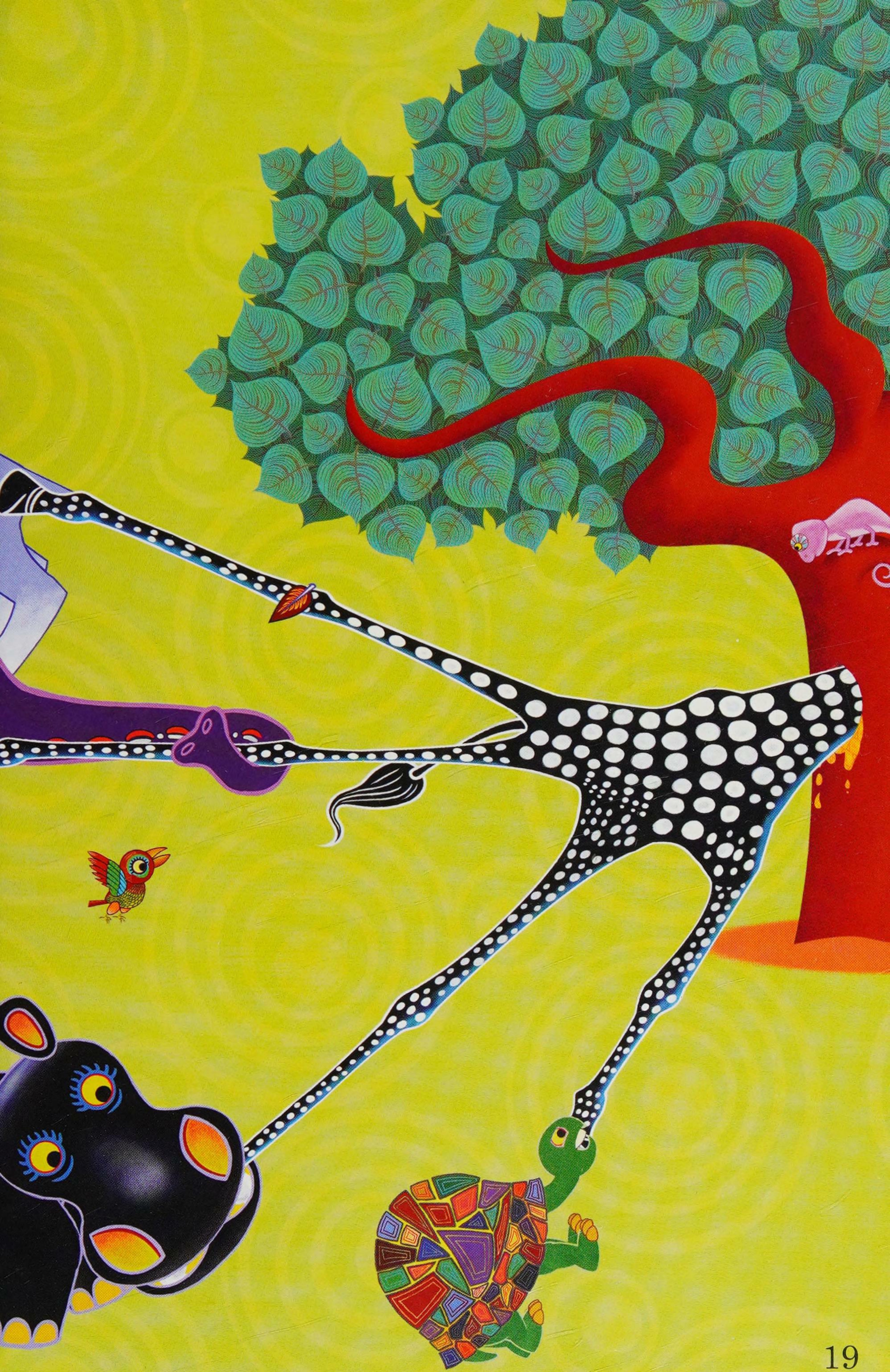




So the animals
pulled Giraffe's legs.

“You must not get
upset. We will get
your head out,”
the animals said.





A long time went by.

“Now we will also
pull the tree!”
the animals said.





So all the animals
pulled and pulled...

Then the animals said,
“Oh no! Look how long
Giraffe’s neck has got!”

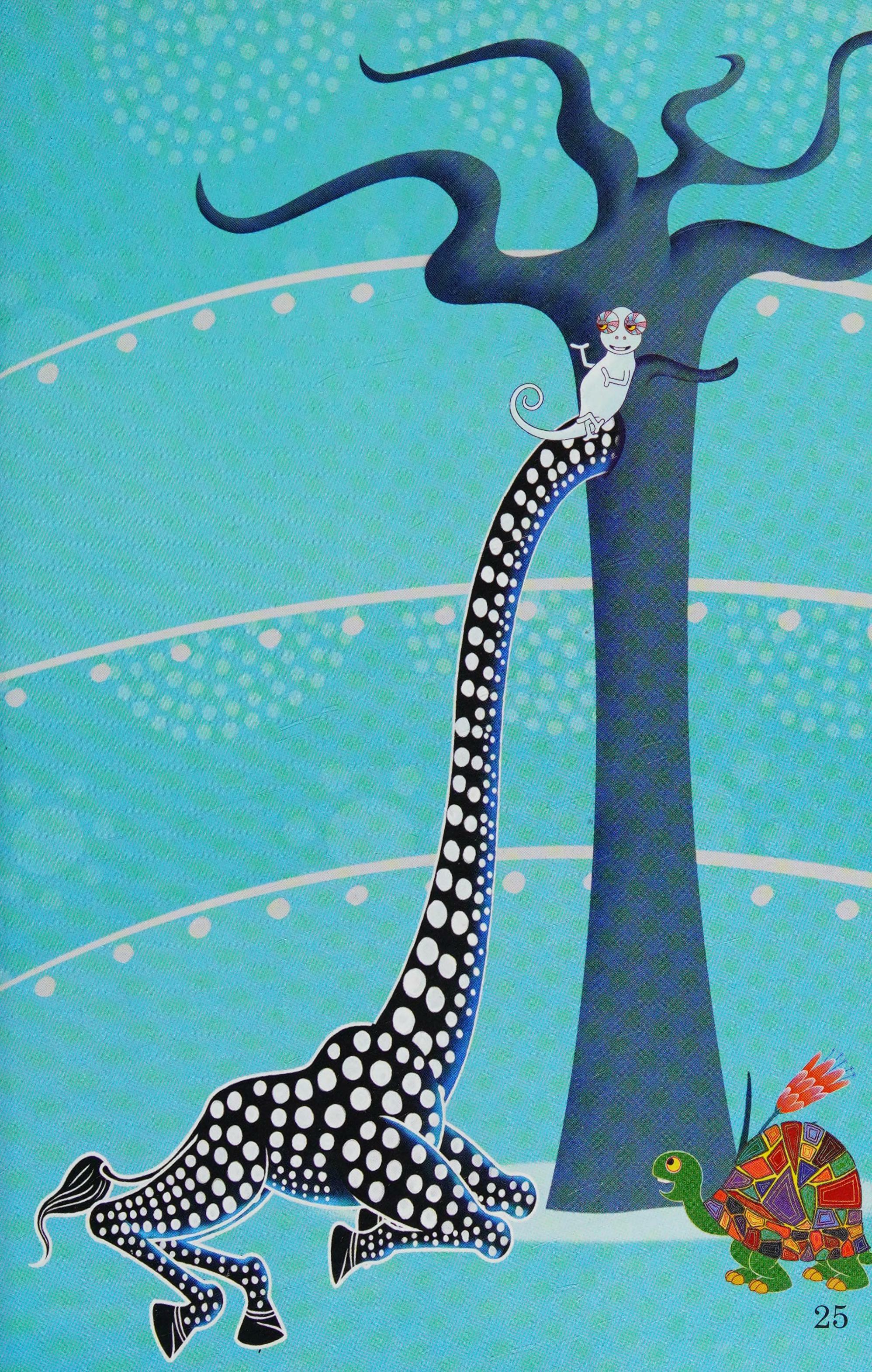




More days and nights
went by. The tree got
taller and taller.

“Look how long Giraffe’s
neck has got now!” said
the animals.





“Giraffe, we can’t pull your head now. YOU must pull it,” the animals said. “Pull!” Giraffe’s head popped out.

“I did it! I am out of the tree!” said Giraffe.





And that is why
Giraffe has a long neck!

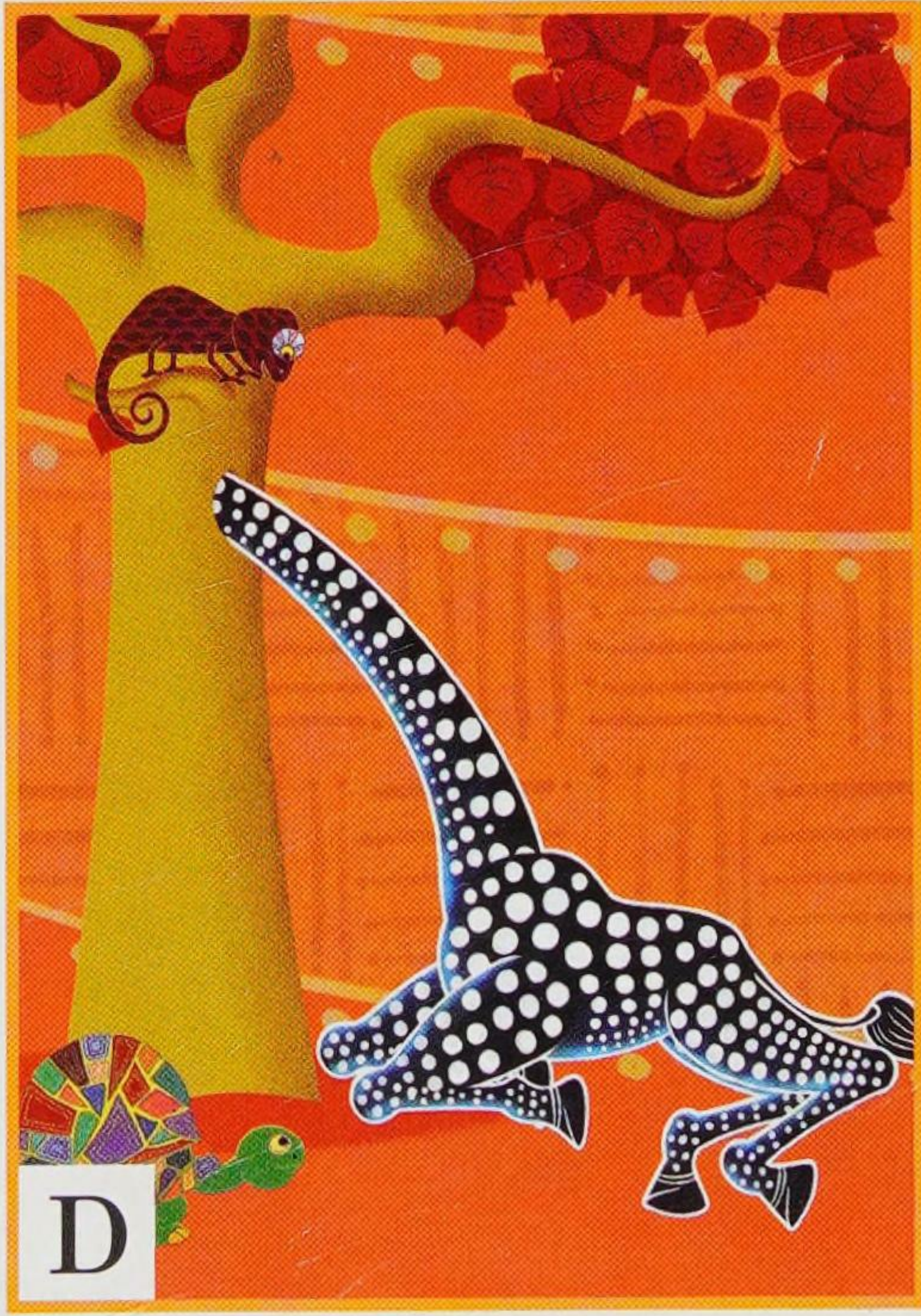
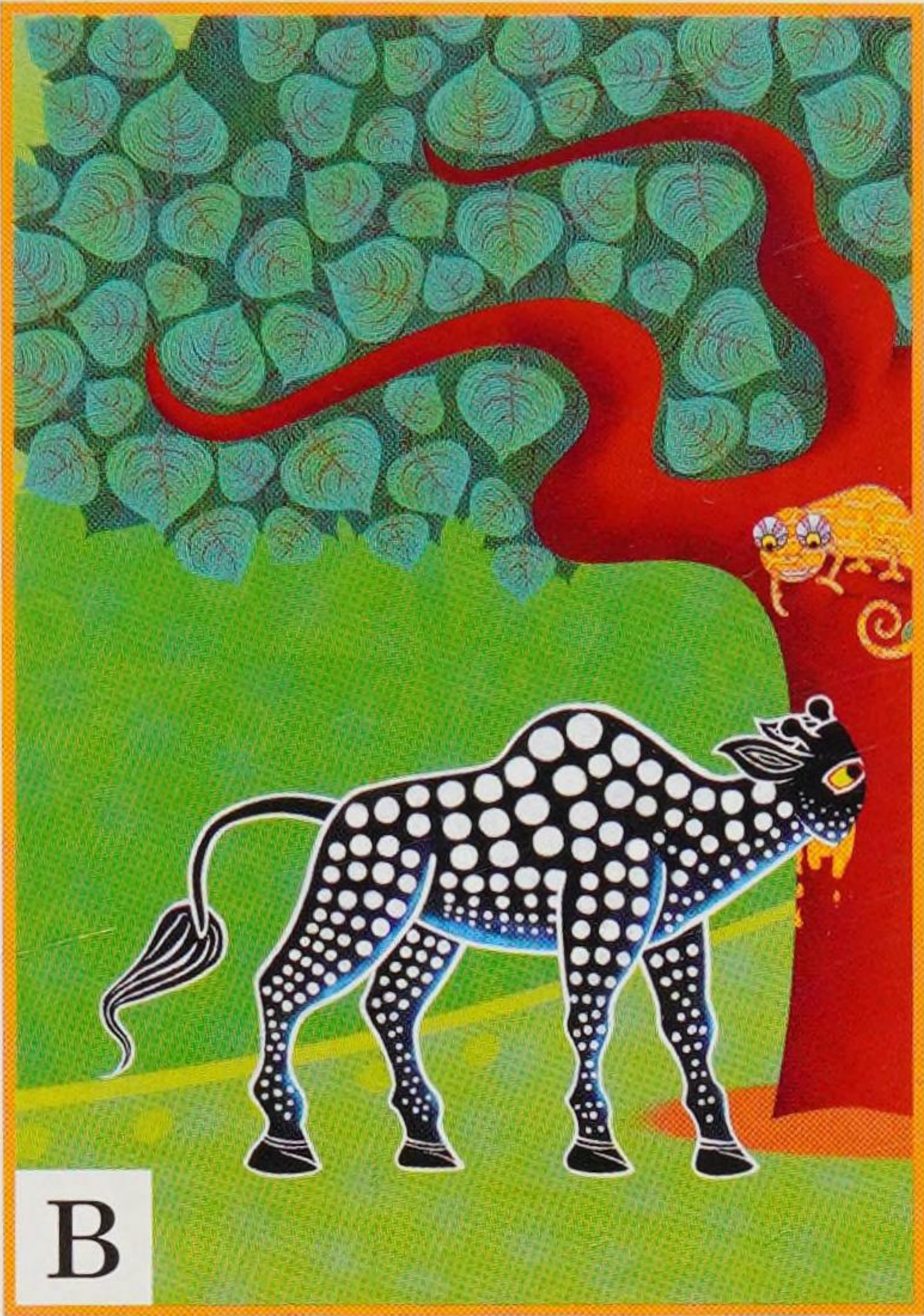
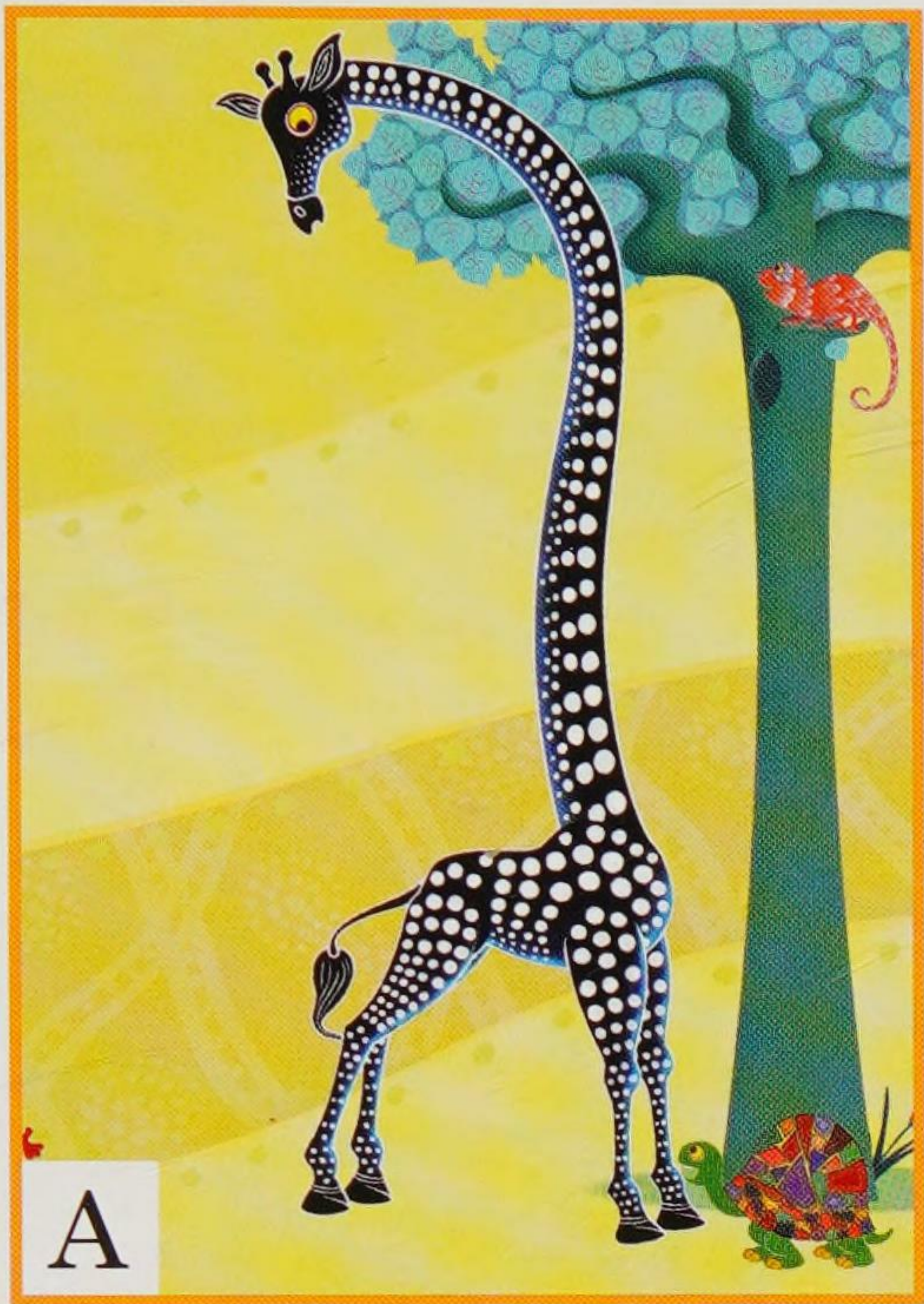


How much do you remember about
Tinga Tinga Tales: Why Giraffe Has
a Long Neck? Answer these questions
and find out!

- What food does Giraffe slurp?
- Where is Giraffe's head stuck?
- Which animals help get Giraffe out of the tree?



Look at the pictures from the story
and say the order they should go in.



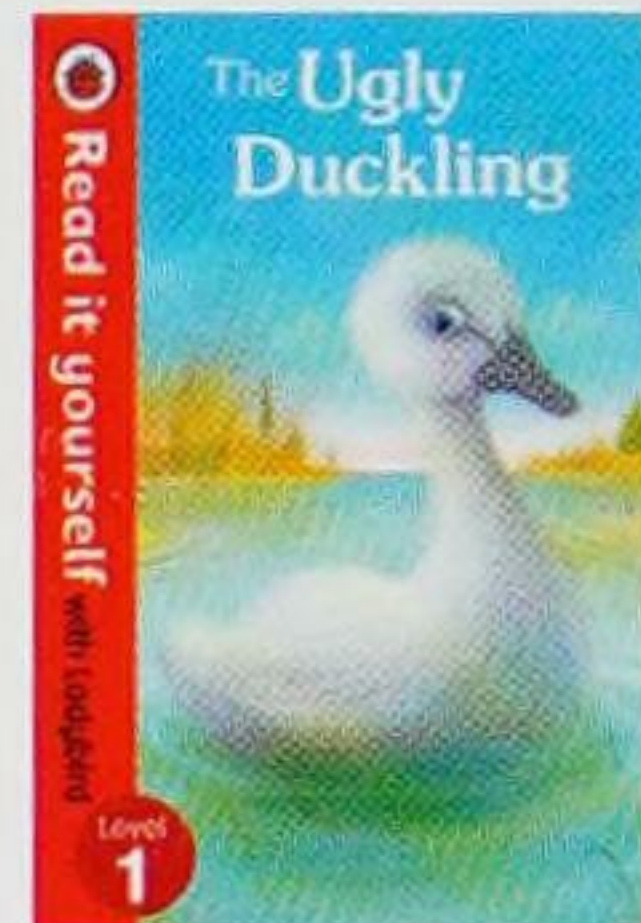
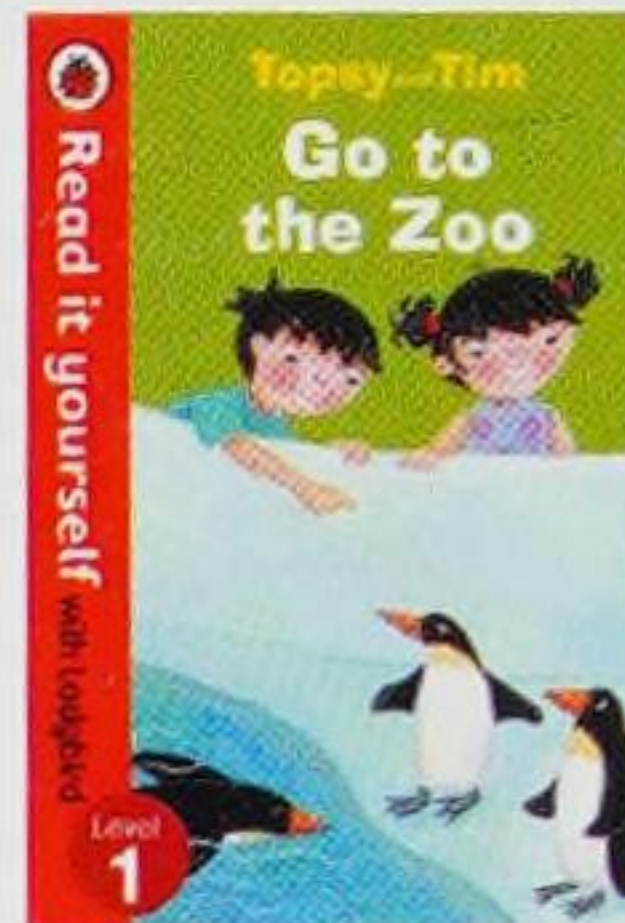
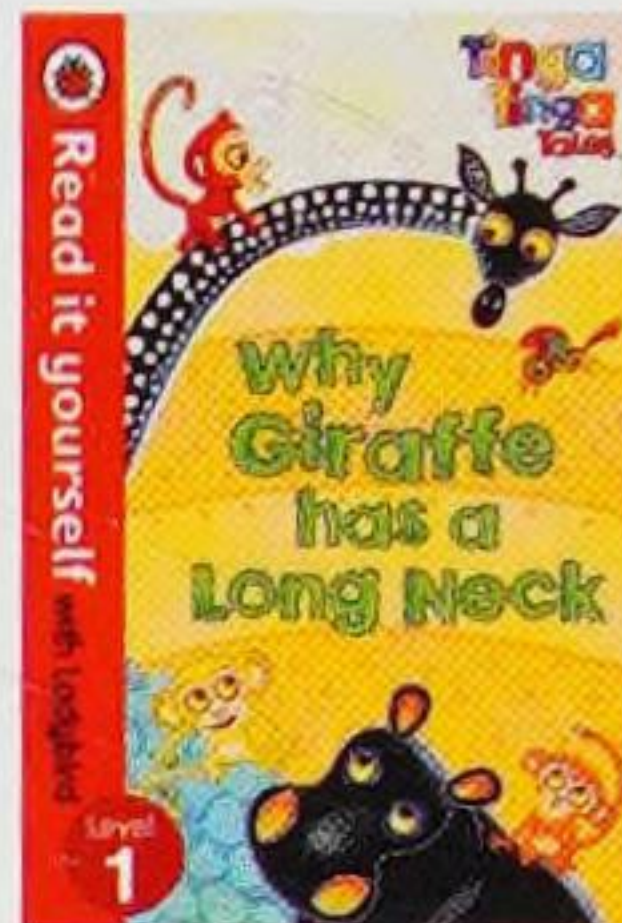
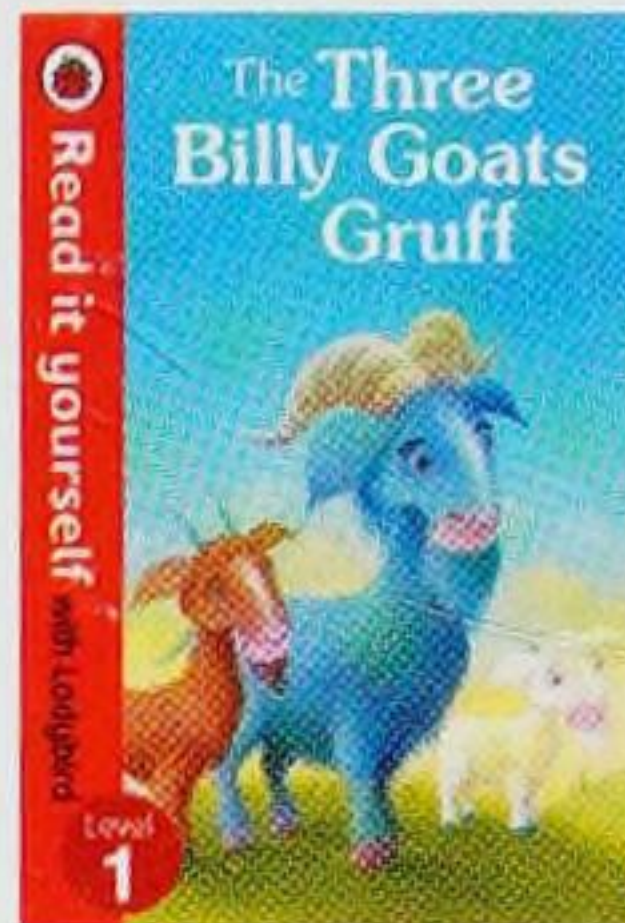
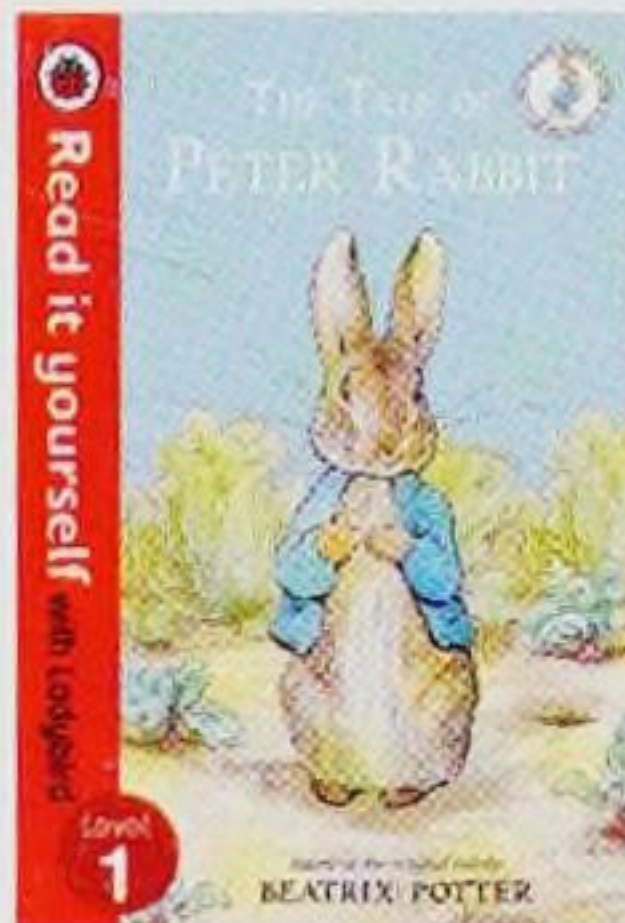
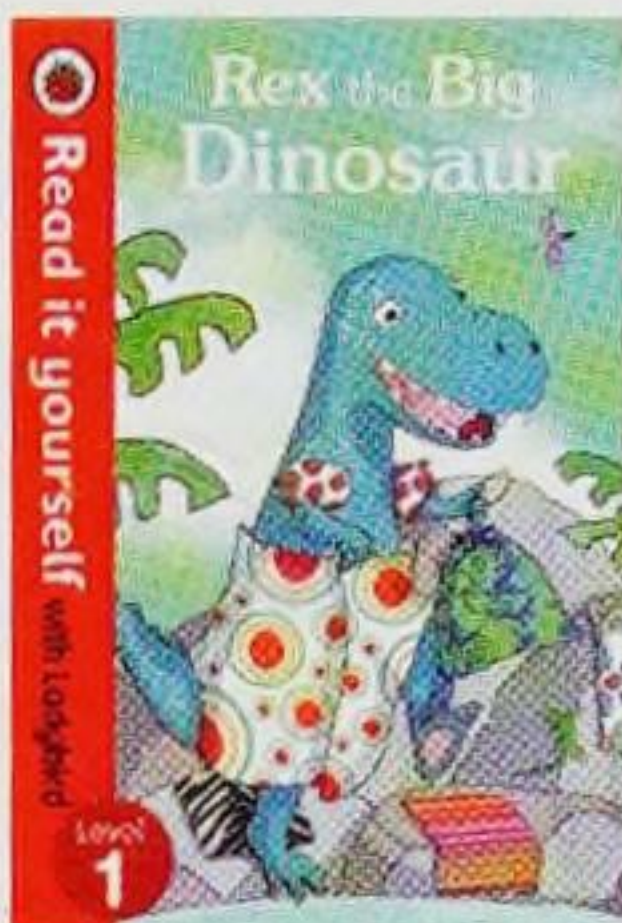
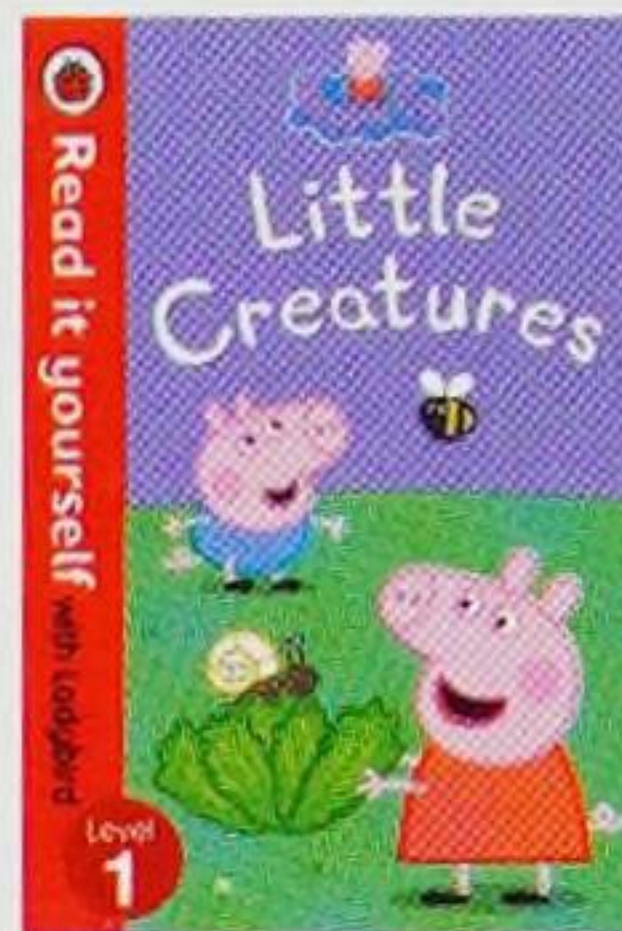
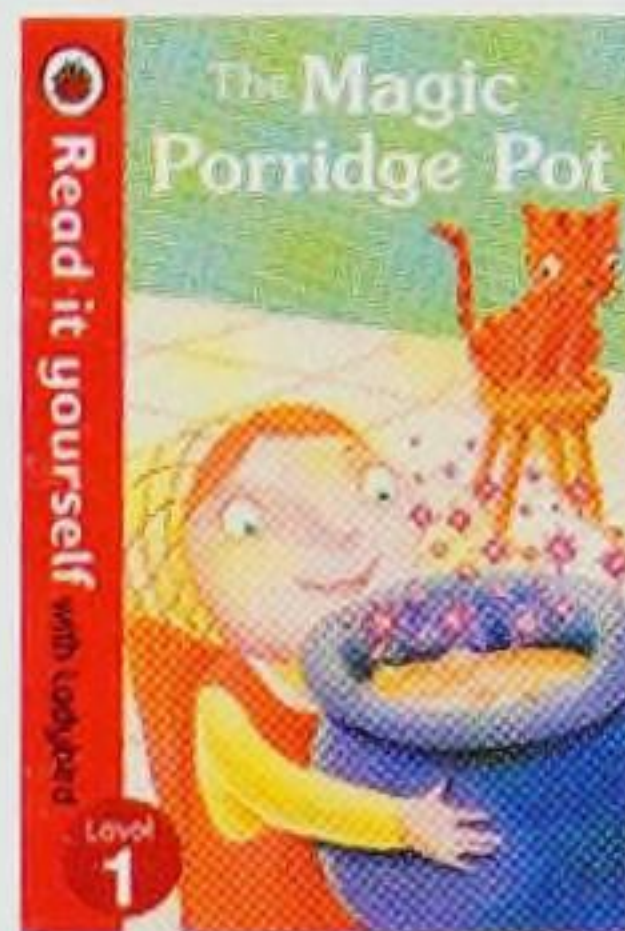
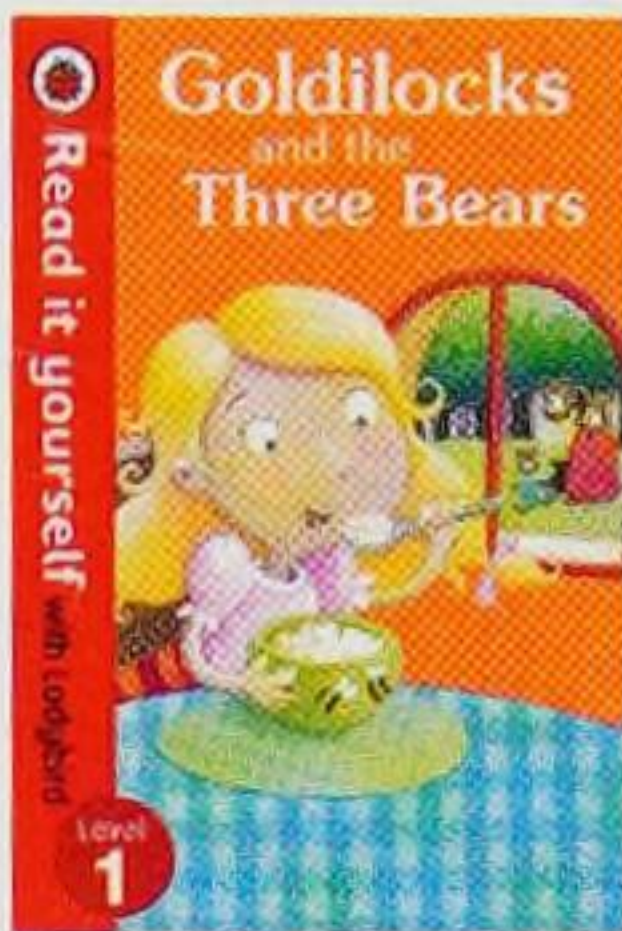
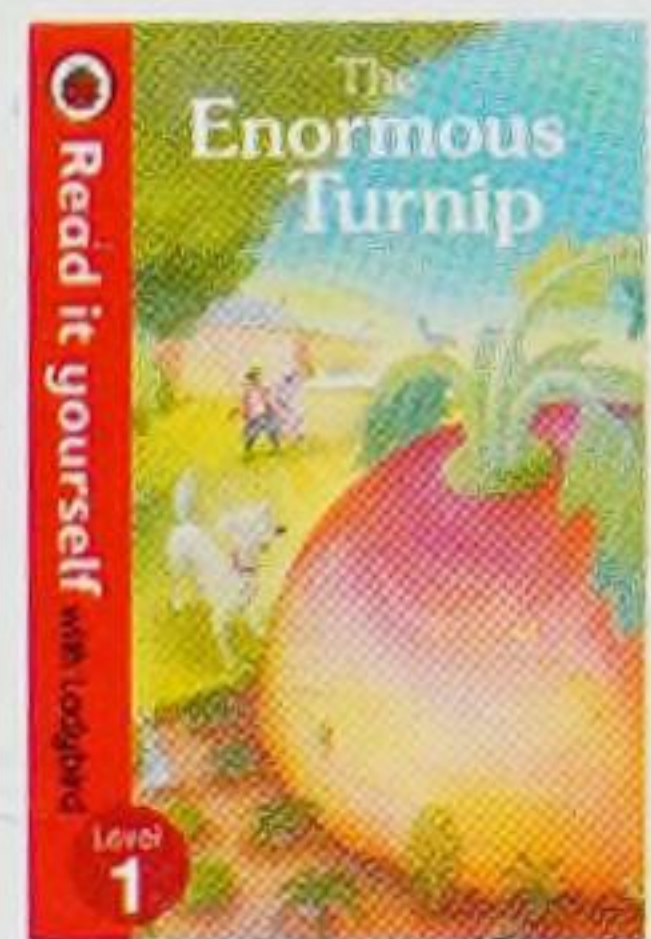
Answer: B, D, A, C.

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Tick the books you've read!

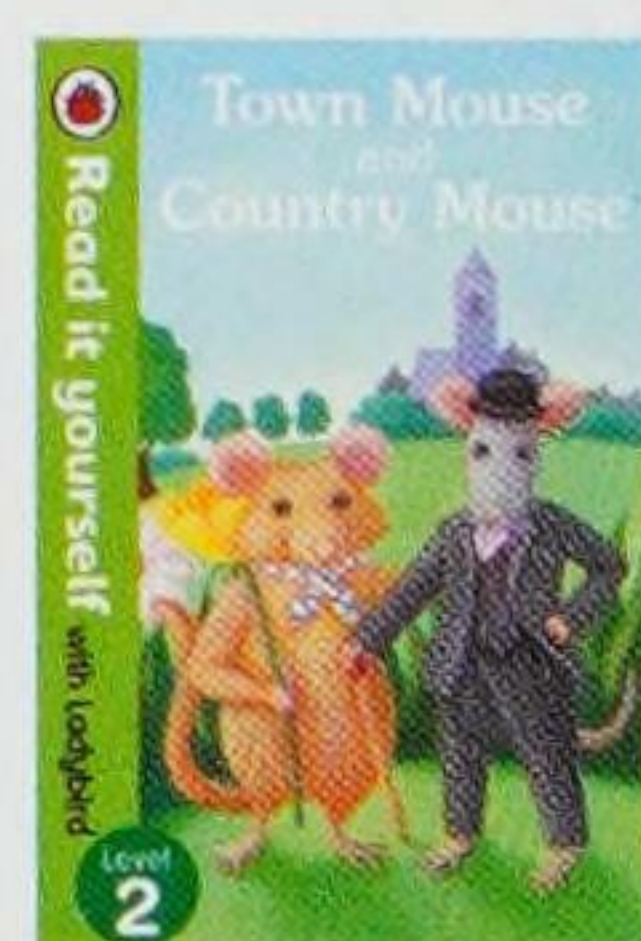
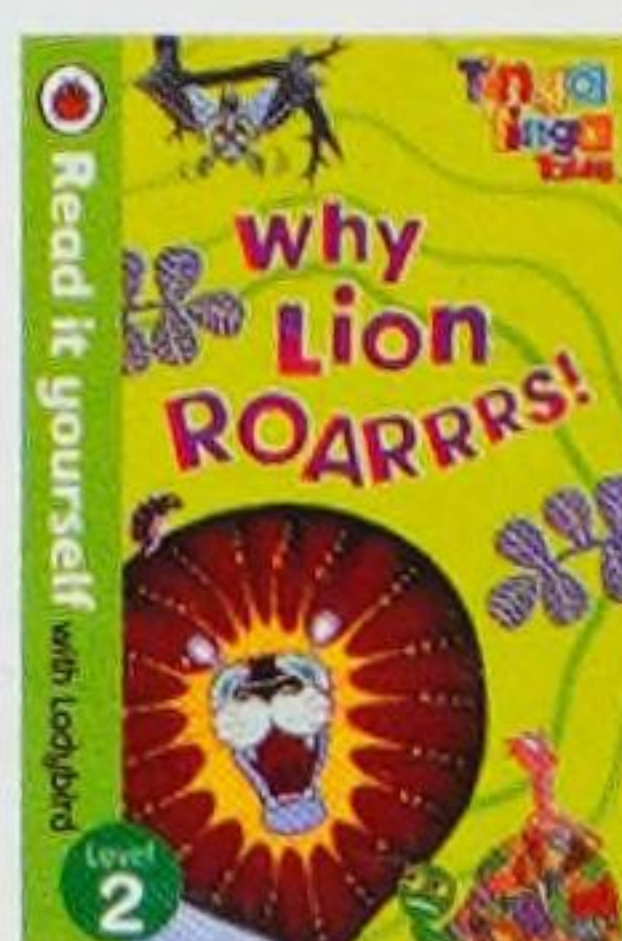
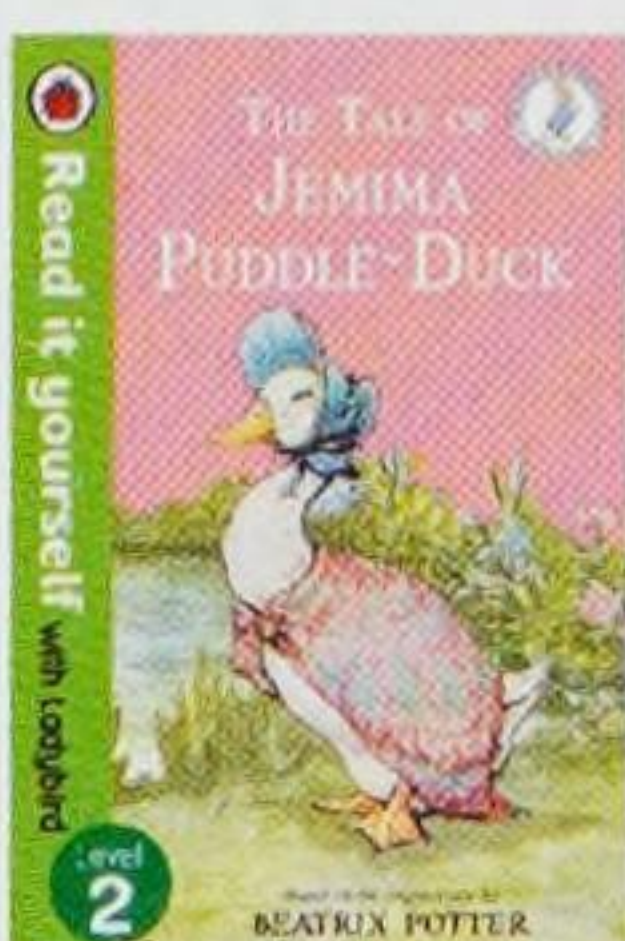
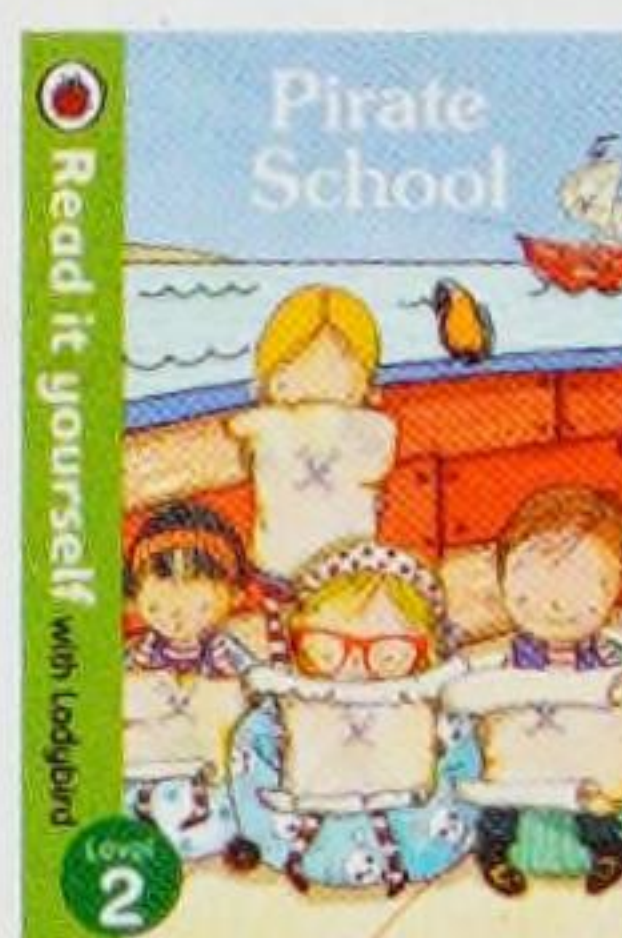
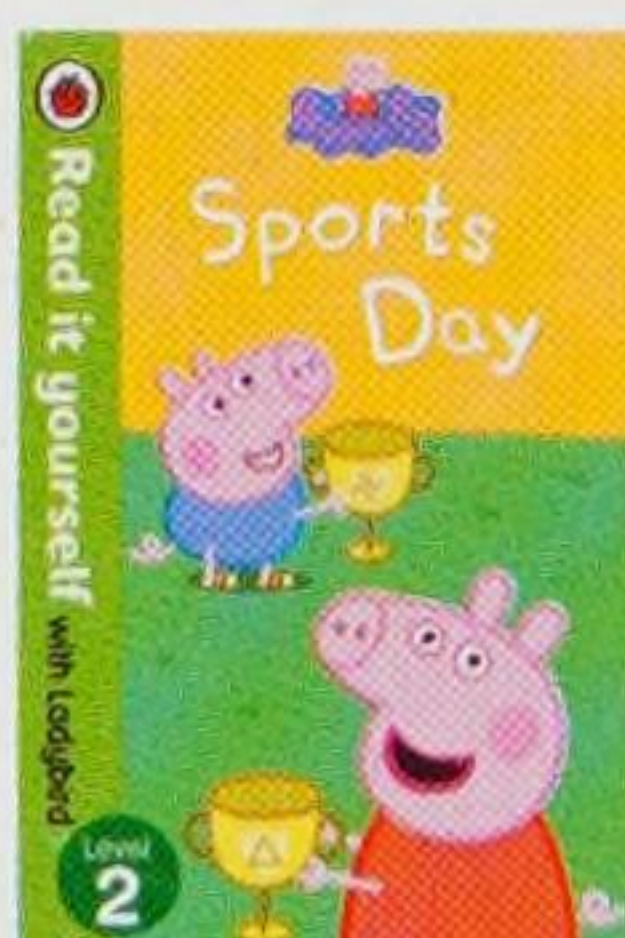
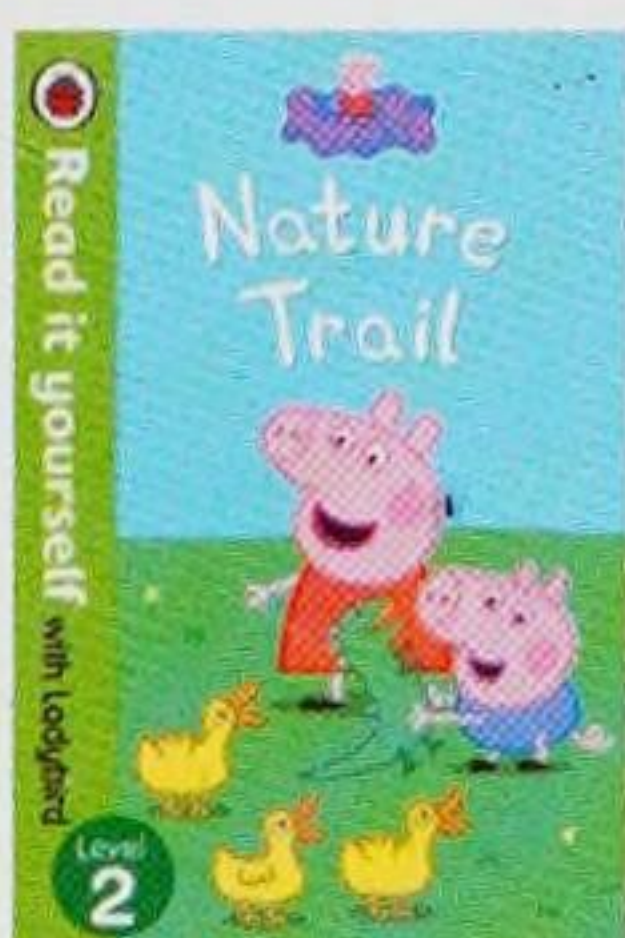
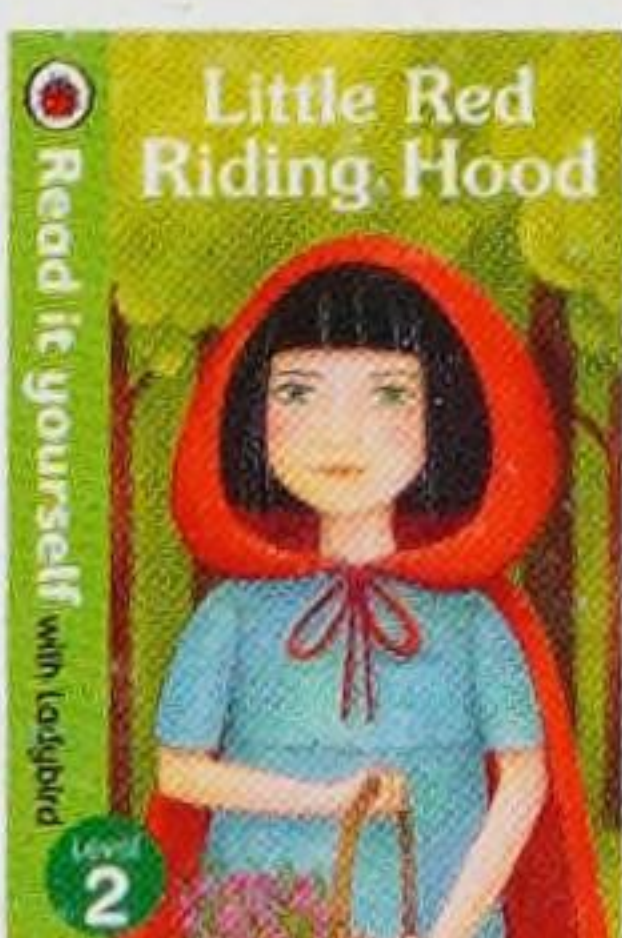
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For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

Level
2



Available on the
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The Read it yourself with Ladybird app is now available for iPad, iPhone and iPod touch

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Once, Giraffe had a short neck. This all changed the day she put her head in a tree to get some honey to eat...

Read it yourself is a series of character stories and traditional tales, written in a simple way for children who are learning to read.

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Level 2

For beginner readers who can read short, simple sentences with help.

Level 3

For more confident readers who can read simple stories with help.

Level 4

Longer stories for more independent, fluent readers.

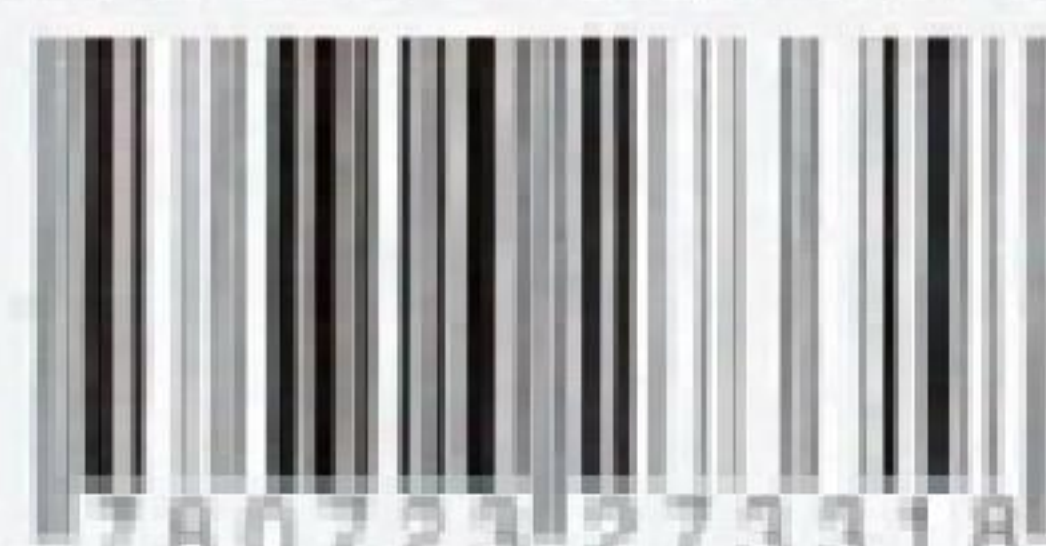
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